

RESOURCE SHARING ACROSS SECURITY BOUNDARIES**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a system and method for sharing resources between workstations separated by security measures such as firewalls by employing electronic mail messaging and attachments thereto to transmit tasks and/or functions through firewalls for execution at a destination workstation. A dedicated lightweight SMTP server is preferably deployed at destination workstations to operate on incoming email messages associated with tasks for execution at such workstations.